

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

John M. Cioffi, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COORDINATING MULTI-POINT-TO-POINT  
COMMUNICATIONS IN A MULTI-TONE DATA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

Docket No: TI-27725.2

Art Unit: TBD

Examiner: TBD

Date: January 17, 2002

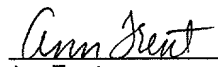
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Washington, DC 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above identified application, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-41 and 45-55.

## REMARKS

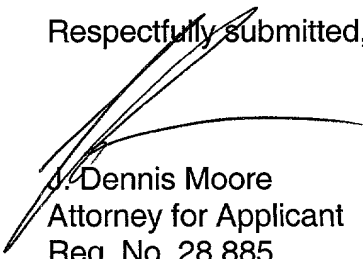
Claims 42-44 remain in the application for consideration by the Examiner.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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